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# New bridge will reopen portion of IB&O trail

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The IB&O trail could be opened in time for snowmobile traffic this winter.

Perry Kelly, Highlands East's public works director, told township council Sept. 12 that staff have been tending to the trail with bulldozers in anticipation of replacing the condemned bridge that closed the trail.

Now, he said, a dump truck can be driven down the trail.

Well, as far as the aforementioned bridge anyway.

The IB&O trail bridge west of Farr Road in Highlands East was closed to all traffic in July 2022 after engineers deemed it unsafe. The relatively flat 5.5-kilometre multi-use trail was once a section of the Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa railway.

Council was presented with options in November 2022 regarding short-term emergency repairs. Those options were too costly, the bridge remained closed.

Municipal staff were asked to include the IB&O bridge into a Trails Master Plan earlier this year.

In an effort to reopen the trail, various bridging options were researched and priced. The most economical replacement is a Lessard bridge.

see IB & O page 4



## Smiles for 17 miles

A biker smiles while passing the finish line during the fifth annual Hurtin in Haliburton Gravel Relay Race held at Haliburton Forest on Friday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Sept. 16. See more photos on page 13. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

# Population, job growth predicted for the County

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Haliburton County's population growth doubled the provincial average over the last five years.

That's one of the details uncovered by economists looking into population and demographic trends in the county.

Jamie Cook, a managing partner at Watson and Associates Economists, provided an update on the review, which is conducted in the context of provincial and local policies, during county council's reg-

ular meeting Sept. 13.

Phase 1 of the comprehensive review (CR) update for Haliburton County examines future population, household and employment growth potential over a long-term planning horizon to 2051 within the context of provincial and local

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# Huskies Down Rangers and Canadiens

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to the Echo

The Haliburton County Huskies concluded week two of the OJHL calendar by picking up a pair of wins against two divisional opponents.

## New faces in familiar places

Following week one, GM Ryan Ramsay made two key signings ahead of week two. First off, Ramsay would sign former Flint Firebirds forward Ty Petrou to bolster the Huskies offense. Petrou, a native of Pickering, logged a total of 21 points in the OHL splitting time between the Firebirds and the Oshawa Generals.

The key signing saw the Huskies bring in Isaac Larmand from the Peterborough Petes U18 AAA. Larmand has 53 points in two seasons for the Petes AAA, tallying 18 goals and 35 assists. The Huskies will look to the 2006 born forward as a possible playmaker this season.

Finally, Ramsay traded Will Gourgouvelis and John McKinney to the Toronto Jr. Canadiens in exchange for Antonio Cerqua and Izayah Luddington. Cerqua had six points last season with the Collingwood Blues, before signing with JRC in the offseason. While Luddington had 25 points with the GOJHL's Thorold Blackhawks, he has only played a handful of OJHL matches before coming to the County.

Many of these players are younger members of the Huskies rosters, and the team will look to build their future with these additions.

## Jolting up the JRC

Former assistant coach Jordan Bailey and the JRC came to the Nesbitt on Saturday night to take on the hometown Huskies.

With the Huskies struggling in previous years to beat the JRC, this game was viewed as a must win affair. The Huskies got off to a dream start with Lucas Vacca and Lucas Stevenson giving the Huskies a two goal lead less than 25 seconds apart. Vacca tallied his first career OJHL goal and Stevenson his second of the year.

Before the period was up, Brenden Anderson got the JRC on the board at 16:24 on the powerplay.

The Second period saw the high that Huskies had been swiftly smashed as the Canadiens came out swinging. Chris Soares beat Vlad Visan less than two minutes into the period, while Even Malhasian gave the JRC their first lead of the game at 3:22.



Huskies #7 Raine Nadeau chases the puck during an exciting game on Sept. 16 against the Toronto Jr. Canadiens. /TIM YANO special to the Echo

The Huskies needed a goal, and they needed one now as time started to expire. The Huskies faithful found their answer, his name was Ian Philips. Knocking in his first of the year at the 16:29 mark of the third, this game was head to OT.

Turns out, all the Huskies needed was roughly two and a half minutes to send the JRC home to Toronto. Declan Bowmaster buried the second shot of the First OT period and just like that, the Huskies found themselves at 2-1-0 on the season.

Bowmaster was named first star with Visan going 23 for 26.

## Routing the Rangers

Ain't no rest for the Huskies, as less than 24 hours later the team made the trek to the Herbert Carnegie Community Centre to take on the North York Rangers.

Riding the momentum of the home victory last night, the Huskies got to work in the first. While it took 14 minutes to break through, Bowmaster picked up right where he left off to break the dead lock and put the Huskies up by one.

Two minutes later and Lucas Marshall tallied Haliburton's second goal of the game, this time however a very rare short-handed tally as Aiden Yarde was in the box. North York's Cian Noble added their only goal of the game at 17:24, and



Huskies #7 Raine Nadeau chases the puck during an exciting game.

the Huskies took a 2-1 lead to the locker room.

Marshall added a second goal in the second period, while Ian Philips netted his second goal of the 2023/24 campaign on the powerplay. Patrick Saini would finish off the wounded Rangers by scoring his third of the year, giving the Huskies a 5-1 dominating win.

Logan Kennedy went 29 for 30, while Rangers goalie Matteo Porporino made an astonishing 74 saves on 79 shots.

The Huskies are back on Thursday when they travel to Stouffville to take on the Spirit. They return to the Nesbitt on Saturday to take on the Aurora Tigers, before heading off to Buffalo the following for the OJHL Governors Showcase.



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# Haliburton County wakeboarder places at Worlds

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Harmony Meirik's hard work riding waves on Maple Lake for the past 10 years has paid off.

The Trent University student now has two new medals to boast after competing with the top wakeboard talent around the world, proving that practice makes perfect.

In August, Meirik competed in Wake Canada Wakeboard Nationals in Vancouver and won gold in her category.

The young wakeboarder then travelled to Portugal a couple of weeks later for the WWA Nautique Wakeboard World Championship and came home with bronze in her category.

Meirik said thanks to plenty of practice shredding behind her family boat all summer, she was prepared to compete against the top talent in the country on the west coast, but not without feeling a few nerves.

"I was really nervous because I didn't know who was going to be in my category because I knew it would be a big category," Meirik said. "I still went, and all three of my runs there were perfect where I landed tricks that I have never landed before, so it went really well, and then I won my age division."

She explained that after placing in the junior girls division, she was able to compete in the pro category at the same competition.

"I came second in that category behind a girl that used to be fifth in the world, she's really good," she said. "Before that,



Harmony Meirik has been practicing wakeboarding all summer on Maple Lake to get ready for the National and World wakeboarding competitions. /Submitted



Harmony Meirik holds up her board after placing first at Wakeboard Nationals in Vancouver.

I wasn't thinking about Worlds because it was in Portugal and there would be over 200 competitors from around the world, but since I did so well at Nationals, I decided to go."

Meirik had competed at Nationals a few times before and Worlds once.

"It was really scary, I had only [competed in Worlds] in Toronto once when I was 10. I was really nervous, and I had a really bad run on practice day which made me even more nervous. The second day was much better, and I got third place in my age category. I had a comeback," she laughed.

Meirik arrived home from Portugal last week, which was also her first time traveling across the Atlantic.

"Oh my gosh, it was so fun because I had never been to Europe before. I didn't really know what to expect, but it was so cool. There's a pretty big wakeboard scene out there, and we were on Lago Azul which was so pretty. There were tons of boats on the water, and I had never really experienced something like that before," she said.

Meirik's family has had a cottage on Maple Lake since 2012, which was where she first held on to a rope behind a boat

with her feet strapped to a board.

"Most of the other summers I've just been practicing when I can, but this summer I decided to really practice hard which I think really helped me in competitions this year," Meirik said.

She is planning to keep working hard and returning to Nationals and potentially Worlds again next year.

In the meantime, Meirik is focusing on school until next summer, when she plans to also teach wakeboarding lessons in Haliburton County.

She can be reached at harmonywakeboards@gmail.com for lesson inquiries.



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# Economist says county's job prospects increasing

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planning policy.

The results of the CR growth forecast will form a foundational document that will inform the update to the county's Development Charges Background Study (DCBS) currently underway, and the County's Official Plan update, which is anticipated to commence in the near term.

When they look at the long-term potential growth for a county like Haliburton, they typically look at the regional economy and trends for employment growth.

"Ultimately, that information really helps us understand what are some of the driving factors that are anticipated to influence growth in economic and employment over the long term and does that impact net migration trends going forward?" Cook said.

Net migration is a key driver of population growth. Haliburton County has experienced "fairly moderate" population growth over the last two decades, he said.

"But in the last five years you can see a significant uptick in the overall population growth," he said.

The county had 2.9 per cent growth between 2016-21. That's compared to an overall rate of 1.5 per cent 2001-21.

"A three per cent growth rate is a very significant growth rate," Cook said. "It's about double the provincial average over that five-year period."

A lot of that growth came from people who previously lived seasonally in the county. Many of those people converted their seasonal housing such as cottages to year-round abodes.

That trend was accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent societal shutdowns.

Building activity in the county has been pretty steady over the last 15 years with an average of about 120 units each year, he said.

"We're expecting that building permit activity is going to stay fairly consistent with that long-term average over the forecast," Cook said.

Migration into Haliburton County has traditionally been of people from other parts of Ontario. Again, that was driven extensively recently by the pandemic.

According to the Ministry of Finance's growth forecast for the county, the population has increased pretty steadily since 2017, Cook said. It's forecasted to have grown by 1.1 per cent this year, compared to 0.8 per cent in 2017. The provincial growth rate is about 1.5 per cent.

Watson and Associates have put the county's employment tally at a little more 10,000 jobs by 2051. That's a little more than the about 3,000 jobs in 2006.

"The labour force is aging and that puts downward pressure on employment growth," Cook said.

Broader regional trends have shown that the economy and the labour force have largely recovered from the impacts of the pandemic, he said.

The regional economy is heavily concentrated in services-providing sectors. Regional economic growth related to goods-producing sectors such as manufacturing, construction and utilities has strengthened in recent years. However, labour and housing shortages have impeded economic potential.

Local employment is forecast to moderately increase from 6,900 in 2023 to 10,000 in 2051. The county's ratio of jobs to population is anticipated to continue to gradually decline due to the aging of the population and labour force.

Haliburton County's total permanent population is forecast to increase from 21,000 in 2021 to 31,000 by 2051.

The share of population within the county anticipated to continue to shift towards urban settlement areas. This trend is most pronounced in Dysart et al.

The county is anticipated to experience a moderation in seasonal housing conversions to permanent occupancy over the forecast period.

Cook said his group hopes to have a final report for council in November.

Councillor Murray Fearrey, the mayor of Dysart, said it has become more expensive in the last two years in the cities. And economists have been predicting that an economic downturn is possible. He asked how the possible downturn might impact Cook's population forecasting.

Cook said he believes there will indeed be some difficult times in the next 18 months or so.

"I think we're going to see some pain as a result of the significant interest rates that we've seen over the last year," he said.

But the amount of stimulus and monetary adjustments have created a significant amount of "velocity of money" and a significant amount of volatility.

"It's really hard to try to project where these contractions and expansions are going to occur," Cook said.

"But one theory I have is there's a good chance we're going to be looking at a period of instability and volatility over the next decade or so."

# IB&O trail is a valuable resource to community

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Cost for the Lessard bridge will be \$215,082 plus taxes.

The Central Eastern Area Snowmobile Region, which represents seven clubs, has kicked in \$71,686 and the Haliburton ATV Association contributed \$25,000 to the capital costs of the project. There are also opportunities to avail of grants.

The remaining \$118,394 will be funded with municipal reserves.

Kelly said he's completed a lot of background work for the project and has consulted with the various users groups.

One such user group is the Paudash Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club. Members told council in August that the club lost an important trail because of a bridge's closure.

"It's a viable resource for our municipality to have this completed," he said. "But we're also recognizing as a municipality that we want to be able to have the user groups accountable for not only just the capital costs of this replacement, but the future workings of making sure that this trail is safe for everyone to use."

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# County council dives into communal services

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Staff Reporter

It's been a hot topic for a long time, and some of the wheels were set in motion for shared services at a special meeting of county council on Sept. 13.

Councillors were joined by the County of Frontenac representatives Joe Gallivan, the director of planning and economic development, and Kelly Pender, CAO.

The core of the presentation was on the usage of communal services, and the model that Frontenac uses in order to succeed. "It is easily transferable to other jurisdictions," said Gallivan as he jumped into the presentation, "these systems are like LEGO blocks."

Gallivan noted that the shared services model "is not rocket science," noting that it is entirely doable if there is support in place; not only from local government, but from civilians as well.

The County of Frontenac mirrors Haliburton County closely; with a series of historic villages and hamlets comprising

the core. One slight difference outlined is that the majority of individual communities in Frontenac do not have access to community water and sewer services.

"We will never have municipal water and sewer in Frontenac," said Gallivan, "it's fiscally impossible for our four small municipalities to afford that kind of project."

Enter: a communal services model. "We've been working on this project for almost seven years," said Gallivan, "and it started with a simple statement that's in our county official plan, and that is 'lack of municipal services in our villages challenges future community viability.'"

Gallivan dove into the immediate advantages of communal water and sewer systems, including "significant advantages to the environment," bettering the planning processes, and the development of "walkable communities".

The planning director presented a comparison of two hypothetical neighbourhoods; one with individual services, (the model that has always been done), and one with communal services. With the communal servicing option, the plan

includes an array of housing options, such as an apartment and smaller houses for seniors, in comparison to the standard townhouses with individual services.

The plan also includes a green space, which would house the communal septic treatment plant, but could be used as passive open space as well.

For treatment purposes, Gallivan introduced a company called Newterra, who are based out of Brockville, and used sea-can-like blocks to process water and sewer. A single box can service up to 108 residential units.

"The water, the septage, whatever you want to call what comes out of the end of the pipe, is probably going to be better than the water quality of a standard septic system, and if it's going to be treated and put in a lake for example, it'll be a better quality than the lake itself," said Gallivan. It was noted that these boxes can be used all around the world, with one being installed at a resort in the Muskoka region recently.

Once Gallivan wrapped up the logistics of the communal services model in Frontenac, he handed the reins over to

CAO Kelly Pender, who discussed the governance of the model. "We wanted to make sure we had consensus as to what the governance model looked like," he told the county councillors. "This wasn't a staff driven process... the four mayors were appointed to the steering committee, and we had three public members that we solicited from the general population of Frontenac County."

Pender shared that the services would remain 100 per cent publicly owned by participating municipalities, and management could be in-house, third party, or municipally contracted; similar to the current model used in local municipalities. The difference is that the facilities are not staffed operations, so it would differ from a traditional water treatment plant.

"This has been an excellent presentation," said Warden Liz Danielsen as Pender wrapped up, "it offers us some really exciting food for thought and opportunities for how we can meet the challenges of housing here in Haliburton County, in particular in places like Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands, where we don't have any servicing at all."

## County gets into the finer points of STR bylaw's draft

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County's lower tier municipalities have requested changes to a draft bylaw to govern the short-term renting of properties.

The county has been looking at ways the local short-term rental (STR) market can be regulated for a little more than a year. Part of that process was looking at the mechanisms and legislation adopted by other jurisdictions.

Stephen Stone, the county's planning director, said during council's regular meeting Sept. 13 that his staff brought the draft bylaw to each of the county's four municipalities.

"We received input from our municipal colleagues, and they suggested a couple changes," he said. "Principally, they (the requested changes) deal with the use of sleeping cabins."

It was pointed out by some of the municipalities' planners that sleeping cabins would conflict with their respective zoning bylaws. As such, they suggested sleeping cabins not be permitted for short-term rentals.

Another area that drew concern was the use of short-term rentals when it comes to additional residential units as is being considered.

"So we put clear language in the draft bylaw that would not allow for a short-term rental operator to use additional residential units for that use," Stone said. "Those units would remain as part of the long-term rental stock once they were built and occupied."

The next step is to return to each of the councils and present the edited draft bylaw with the proposed municipal accommodation tax to each. Stone said that could be done in October.

There's also verbiage in the draft bylaw that addresses floating accommodations. And that's something that's been an issue of contention across the county, said Warden Liz Danielsen, who is also the mayor of Algonquin Highlands.

Regarding sleeping cabins or bunkies, Danielsen said she understood that when

you rented a property as a whole and children wanted to sleep in the bunkie, then that would be allowed.

Stone said planners have indicated that use of bunkies should not be the case.

Stone said his colleagues in the county's Department of Finance have been working on a request for proposals to draw potential third-party service providers that would implement STR permitting and monitor compliance.

Each of the lower tier municipalities offered input into the RFP.

"I don't think that we should put in the cost of the license, of the \$500, at this point," said Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills. "We should leave that to be determined until we get that RFP back."

If a township had 100 STRs, that would be \$50,000 in fees they would get by way of licenses. But maybe it will cost more than that to run the program, he said.

Carter said there should also be something in the bylaw that pertains to an appeal fee to STR operators.

And it should be made clearer in the draft bylaw that things like fire inspections incur the same fees as any other resident would pay.

"I don't want people to think that, because it's a municipal service, that you get it for free," Carter said.

"I definitely agree there should be consideration for an appeal fee," Danielsen said.

Stone said there's a \$300 appeal fee with the Shoreline Preservation Bylaw, and he suggested that be the benchmark for property owners wishing to appeal a decision regarding their STR.

He said Orillia has started licensing STR with a fee of \$2,000 to obtain a license.

"If you win the appeal, you should get your fee back," said Coun. Murray Fearrey, the mayor of Dysart.

"That would be up to the local councils to decide," Stone said.

Coun. Walt McKechnie, Dysart's deputy mayor, said he attended lake associations meeting through the summer and heard complaints from people who think regulating STRs is a cash-grab for municipalities and that it's contributing to bigger government.

"Nobody spoke up that they were for the short-term rental, but when I got home my phone was lit up," he said. "People telling me, Please, Walt, follow through with this ... short-term rental policy."

"We recognize that there are mixed

feelings about the proposed bylaw," Danielsen said. "It's my opinion so far, I've also attended quite a few lake association meetings and, for the most part, they seem very supportive of us moving forward with it."

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We definitely can't deny the digital age, but for our community, it's so important we have harmony between paper and pixels.



vivian collings

## Editorial



Pond reflections

by Tammy Nash

## From another planet

A WALL OF people moved forward, relentless and impersonal. The light had changed, and now it was time to cross the street, dodging other pedestrians and always watching out of the corner of his eye for renegade vehicles. Somewhere above them was the sky but all Jeff could see were towers of hard surfaces. Concrete, steel, glass. Not even the odd sad and shrunken little tree struggling to survive in the unnatural environment.

It was another trip to the city. Sometimes a person has no choice but to push himself through uncomfortable situations, to get through it and, hopefully, emerge at the end without too many battle scars - real or imagined. Jeff thought of this as he plowed ahead, focusing on his destination a few blocks north.

A thin woman with a vacant look sat on the curb, the mob of people surging around her. Like a rock in a river. The ebb and flow of humanity carried every colour and style of clothing, every age and every tax bracket. Hipsters in slim-fitting clothes, executives rushing as they talked into their phones and harried parents pushing their children along the pavement. And the noise. Constant. The hum and cough of machines, grinding out exhaust, thundering along or spitting out discord. It was mixed together in a lumpy stew of different tempo and vibrations.

When he had left home, the birds had been clustered around the feeder and nearby branches, some preparing for their own journey south for the winter. The sun had touched the world with golden light that was quickly melting away the morning fog. Feeling calmly hopeful, Jeff had decided to take a positive attitude toward this trip to the big smoke. He knew he would be entering an environment quite different from his home.

As a boy and then young man, Jeff had lived in the urban environment and loved it. The subway, museum, Kensington Market and all the hustle and bustle. Exciting. Stimulating. But like him, it changed. It became more crowded, more noisy and less clean and

friendly. Or so it seemed to him.

There had been an accident on the Don Valley Parkway and ahead of him vehicles were stretched as far as he could see, barely moving. When he finally had reached his old favourite University Avenue, Jeff was again forced to crawl through confusing construction sites. He watched, since he had little actual driving to do, as a woman in a bright t-shirt repeatedly passed him as she walked on the sidewalk. Bicyclists wove in and around cars and trucks, seemingly impervious to danger. At that point, he just wanted to go home.

He thought of the deer meandering across his backyard, their steps as light and graceful as a ballet dancer's. He thought of the old apple tree whose

fruit barely touched the ground before the same deer gobbled it up. Nature was everywhere - above, beneath and all around. And he thought about how where we live shapes our view of the world and the people who inhabit it. As he had left that morning, his neighbour Joe had waved on his way to work. And Stan at the gas station had wished him a safe trip. Connections. Community.

With all this time in his car, waiting to get somewhere - anywhere, Jeff pondered what it must be like for the people who lived here. Did they ever feel trapped in this ant hill of a place? Or was it for them adventure, challenges and possibilities? So many people from all over the world now lived here. They brought their dreams and their cultures with them, making for a vibrant world of constant change.

But not so much for Jeff. At least not anymore. Because the city wasn't the only thing that had changed; so had Jeff. Now he wanted a slower pace, time and space to savour simpler pleasures, to soak up a more natural and gentler world.

He knew both kinds of worlds were needed. To move forward we needed the energy of change. And to stay sane, we needed nature to keep it all in balance.

## Down



sharon lynch

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# points of view

## Decaffeinated

I WON'T LIE to you. For the longest time I thought the word decaffeinated was how people described a cow after it gave birth. But all that ended on one miserable morning last week after I made my coffee.

I had just taken a slurp when I noticed something was off – perhaps it was the fact that after my first sip, I didn't jump three feet vertically, shake my head uncontrollably, and yell "Jumping Jehoshaphat that's good!"

I don't know about you, but for me, each one of those symptoms is an indication that the caffeine has kicked in. Sure, the signs are subtle, but if you are as attuned to your body as I am, you take note.

That's also why I shot Jenn an alarmed look and then asked, "What happened to the coffee? There's no jolt."

She looked at the package and replied, "Nothing. You just used the decaffeinated stuff."

The interesting part was she said it as if it were no big deal.

"Decaffeinated?" I said. "There is such a thing as decaffeinated coffee?"

She then pointed out that I had inadvertently loaded the coffee maker with scoops of the stuff.

It was not my fault.

You see, the manufacturers of decaffeinated coffee – presumably the same people who invented snake oil and expensive bottled water – have not been up front with us.

In fact, if you ask me, they have resorted to unmitigated trickery. Their product looks exactly like regular coffee. It smells like regular coffee. It has the same consistency as regular coffee. It tastes like regular coffee and is even packaged the same as regular coffee.

The only clue that it is not regular coffee is the word "Decaffeinated" written in the only place a person would never look. That's right, they put it in a fairly large font on the front and centre of the bag.

It's clever, I tell you – hiding the word in plain sight. Obviously, after you drink it, there are telltale signs. The ones I have noticed are falling asleep a half an hour into my workday, combined with sloth-like movement and a lack of general joy and purpose.

It's inhumane.

"Why do we even have one bag of decaf coffee in this house?" I asked.

"We actually have two bags," Jenn replied. "And the answer is because you don't read labels."

"I read labels," I said sheepishly.

"For the love of God, you thought Ex-Lax was a product that would make your old slacks fit better!" she exclaimed.

"And after five of those, they did," I replied triumphantly.

She had a point, however. When you get to a certain age, the labels on products tend to lose their lustre. In a sense they're like books. If the first line is unrelatable, you're not likely to read any further. This explains why Grape-Nuts is still popular among my demographic.

Also, the manufacturers are taking full advantage of the fact that a full 50 percent of people my age have no idea where they left their reading glasses. And the other 50 percent want to get the shopping trip over with quickly for fear of their slacks suddenly fitting better.

In any case, the point here is that labeling on decaffeinated coffee could be easily improved. For instance, we could use a bright orange sticker with a sleeping skull and crossbones.

Really, anything else is grounds for legal action.



steve  
galea

### Loon Tales



### pic of the past

Inside the *Echo* office circa 1952 from a series of photos that were taken behind the scenes.  
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### letters to the editor

## Drag Lake book nearly sold out

To the Editor,

Our book about the history of Drag Lake entitled *Where the Two Lakes Meet: The History of the Drag Lake Community (1850-Present)* is almost sold out. We are down to our last 20 copies out of 350 printed and we want to give a shout out to Cathy of Masters Book Store in town. Masters Books has sold over 80 copies of the book out of the 332 sold to date or almost 25 per cent of the total. To keep the cost of the book down Masters Books is making a very small profit on each sale ... she does it for the love of her community. It is retailers like Cathy that contribute to the Haliburton Highlands

being such a lovely place to work, live and play. We want to thank her for her efforts on our behalf to make the sale of the book such a success. If you have not been in Masters Book Store lately you should check it out and say hello to Cathy. Shop local!

We are about to send out a list of corrections and additions to the book so if you bought your copy at Master's Book Store, please send your e-mail address to draglakebook@gmail.com so we can send you the correction notice.

Charles Wheeler,  
Haliburton

## Concerning the caption for the 'Roundhouse' photo

To the Editor,

There never was a roundhouse in Haliburton, only an "Engine shed" to house a single locomotive and its coal fuel tender. A roundhouse is designed like a sectioned pie to hold multiple locomotives with a section of track on a low bridge-like structure (called a 'turntable') that could central-pivot to point the locomotive at a specific roundhouse stall.

Being at the end of the rail line, Haliburton had a turntable, otherwise it meant running the steam engine in reverse to Howland, just north of Kinmount, where there was also a turntable.

Referring to the picture, CNR loco 5410 is photographed about halfway onto the turntable. Above the loco's cab is the location of Haliburton's

latest apartment complex on the hill. The turntable was located in present-day Head Lake Park located about halfway between the station's present location and eastward to the riverbank. The back of the engine shed was almost on the riverbank.

Some other details, the engine shed chimney was not to heat the building, but to provide exhaust for the loco's smokestack. The building on this side of the engine shed was an old wood boxcar that was converted into a yard office and crew bunkhouse.

Years ago you could buy a scale model kit to create these very buildings.

Paul Rolfe,  
Haliburton

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.



The second annual Bookapalooza was held on Sept. 15 and 16 at the Minden Curling Club, where authors from all over the country gathered to showcase their wide variety of novels and stories. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



**Cheese!**  
Sunny the dog smiles as he meets and greets visitors to promote a book about his friend, Smiley, who was born with the same eye condition as him. Sunny and his human, Joanne George, explained that they wrote the book to encourage kids to “see with their hearts, not their eyes.” Sunny and Joanne were at Bookapalooza on Sept. 16.



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- ★ Scarecrow Building Contest
- ★ Photo Booth

11:30 am

- ★ Playground Grand Opening

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

- ★ Pockets the Facepainter

12:00 pm

- ★ Drumming at Rails End Gallery

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# End of the Line ~ Part One

JANET TRULL

*Special to the Echo*

*There was a time in this fair land when the  
railroad  
did not run  
When the wild majestic mountains stood  
alone against  
the sun  
Long before the white man and long before  
the wheel  
When the green dark forest was too silent  
to be real.*

~ Gordon Lightfoot

In 1878, the first train pulled into Haliburton Station, the end of the Victoria Rail Line. The construction of 56 miles of track connecting Lindsay and Haliburton came in way over budget, both in dollars and human lives. Investors did not anticipate the difficulty of de-rooting old growth pine forests, constructing bridges over creeks and rivers or blasting granite ridges. The project was stalled at Kinmount for years. Decimated by illness, the team of Icelandic rail workers said, “We quit! We’re moving to a treeless plain in Manitoba.” Then, the financial depression of 1875 halted steel production. There was also the challenge of negotiating around a sinkhole.

By what miracle did the railroad make its way through Gelert, Lochlin and Donald, to the village of Haliburton? Follow the money. Yes, folks, nothing has changed. Thomas Chandler Haliburton, and the Canadian Land and Emigration



Many thanks to the Haliburton Highlands Museum for access to their collection of vintage photos. /Janet Trull

Company he chaired, believed that populating the hinterland would pay off. Highways 35, 11, and 400 were just deer trails at the time, but the investors had vision (and government support).

“What shall we call this village at the end of the line?” someone may have queried at the Annual General Meeting.

“Haliburton!” they all shouted in uni-

son. Probably.

Did they know that Haliburton already had a name? The Anishinaabe called it “Gidaaki” meaning upward earth or height of land. But in this heyday of colonizing the globe for the British Empire, reconciliation was not on the agenda.

To be fair, the men of the Canadian Land and Emigration Company believed

that, by promoting the sale of lands far from the American border, they were protecting Canada. The United Empire Loyalists had come north to get away from those crazed revolutionaries. Invasion was a worry.

The railway did get completed, although ongoing maintenance proved to be a headache, as you can imagine. Snow, landslides, floods. And, just as T.C. Haliburton predicted, people did come. Some came from England. But the great flood of immigrants were Scottish. Not only were they comfortable with highland geography, but after years of exploitation by English overlords, the Scots were good at managing expectations. Suspicious about the claim that Precambrian rock could make good farmland, they accepted land grants anyway and figured out how to survive. They were joined by other tough settlers from far away homelands. War and famine and cruel despots were as numerous in the 1870s as they are today. Immigrants from around the world were fleeing persecution and looking for refuge. As we know, refugees are not welcome everywhere. But here in the highland wilderness of black flies and harsh winters, there were opportunities for folks with determination and few options. Here, at the end of the rail line, the desperate and dispossessed disembarked and built a community to be proud of. You can visit them around Haliburton County in the dozens of pioneer graveyards, farm and family plots, and church cemeteries.

*Many are the dead men, too silent to be real.*  
~ G. Lightfoot.



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# EH!'s new group seeks climate change solutions

After a smoke-choked summer of record heat, wildfires, and floods, many of us are left wondering how long our climate will support liveable conditions. Is there anything we can do to get climate change under control?

The answer is YES. There are solutions. But only if everyone, everywhere embraces the challenge. The window of opportunity to avoid the worst effects of climate change is rapidly closing. We can't wait for someone else to solve the problem. Burning of fossil fuels remains the most significant source of greenhouse gas emissions causing our climate crisis. Experts say that 20% of existing oil and gas extraction will need to shut down to keep below a 1.5 degrees climate stabilization target. How can we do that when most homes are heated with fossil fuels and most of our community rely on gas fueled vehicles to travel?

Environment Haliburton's (EH!) most recent initiative – the "Electrification Working Group" – is grappling with that very question. The group met for the first time on Monday, Sept. 11 at the home of EH! President, Susan Hay and her husband Keith. Hay said "This group arose from audience response to an Earth Day presentation by Gord Jones, who spoke about "Demystifying the Heat Pump". While Jones is known locally for his watercolour paintings, he also has 40 years of experience installing and teaching Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning. Several people in the audience requested that EH! offer education and guidance re: transitioning away from fossil fuels.

The Electrification Group currently consists of 8 people with varied experience with heat pumps, electric vehicles, power

tools, solar panels and the Greener Homes Grant. Hay hopes that this group can become a valuable community resource to help people transition from fossil fuels. "One of our goals is to organize a house tour next year, so that people can see the new technology in action, ask questions, and share ideas" said Hay.

To address the climate crisis, each of us needs to evaluate our decisions through the lens of climate change. No doubt, the cost of more sustainable heating, cooling and transportation technology will present challenges. Hay suggests starting wherever you can, for example insulating and weatherstripping your home. She says conservation is the first and most important way to reduce emissions. Heat pump technology has come a long way over recent years and is now capable of producing heat down to much lower temperatures than a few years ago. With more frequent heat waves predicted in the future, the air cooling that heat pumps provide will become a necessity, not a luxury. For more information on heat pumps, please see: <https://www.iea.org/reports/the-future-of-heat-pumps/how-a-heat-pump-works>.

Environment Haliburton's new initiative is timely as this week, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is hosting a Climate Ambition Summit in New York City. This event takes place every year in partnership with the United Nations General Assembly and is run in coordination with the United Nations and the City of New York.

Thousands of Climate Action Groups, including Environment Haliburton!, are calling for an end to our heavy reliance on fossil fuels, without which we have little hope of keeping global temperature

rise to below 1.5 degrees. This is the limit agreed to during the 2015 Paris Climate Talks. A report issued Sept. 8, by an international group called the "Global Stocktake" underscored that eight years and countless climate disasters since the Paris agreement was reached, there has not been enough progress to meet the long-

term goals of the Paris Agreement.

Stay up-to-date with the Electrification Working Group news and events: Contact EH! at [info@environmenthaliburton.org](mailto:info@environmenthaliburton.org)

*Submitted by Susan Hay, on behalf of the EH! Board*

## A world of contrasts

community news

### west guilford

Eleanor Cooper  
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The West Guilford notes this time are in contrast to the last written. Then, my sister from Barrie was here, the two boys, Andy and George and his wife also. Now I'm on my own as usual. Then there was chatter and music and a few phone calls. Now there's quiet. Then I had news of Anne and Robert McIvor's sixtieth anniversary. Now the news of Roberts's death which sadly followed. It's a world of contrasts for sure. Even the weather changed its note. How grounded life can be when regular tasks and regular activities assume their place – for example, the regular visits to Highland Wood to visit Kathleen. The Sunday morning worship, the Sunday evening oh so enjoyable

music of Bill's on Canoe FM, just to keep all on an even keel.

Just when we thought (although we knew better) that Guilford would always be the same, we received news of one of our best loved and much respected citizen's passing, that of Ev Stata. As you'll learn from elsewhere in the *Echo*, Evelyn was one hundred years of age just prior to death. How much she gave to Maple Lake United Church in many ways. No church function was complete without her contribution, monetary and otherwise. Thoughts and prayers attend the family during this time of sadness.

The huge crowd which attended Robert McIvor's funeral, on Saturday, Sept. 9 truly a celebration of his life was fine tribute to his service as a person of integrity and honour. Tributes from family and friends echoed the sentiments of not only his faithful Lions club but also the many teachers and friends Robert had touched in the course of his generous, heartwarming and loving life.



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- CLUES ACROSS

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  - 5. Subdivision
  - 8. Network of nerves
  - 12. Lounge chair
  - 14. Ocean
  - 15. C. European river
  - 16. Bowl-shaped cavity
  - 18. \_\_ Caesar, comedian
  - 19. Lyric poems
  - 20. Tia's sister
  - 21. A way to develop
  - 22. Cows collectively
  - 23. Areas close by
  - 26. Slightly disreputable
  - 30. Made a mistake
  - 31. One who cites
  - 32. Food stall: \_\_ pai dong
  - 33. Narrow valley between hills
  - 34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo
  - 39. More (Spanish)
  - 42. Classroom implements
  - 44. Cognizant of
  - 46. One who tells on others
  - 47. Free from slavery
  - 49. Thick piece of something
  - 50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
  - 51. Removed entirely
  - 56. Late rocker Turner
  - 57. Appreciated
  - 58. Observation expedition
  - 59. Opposite of subtracts
  - 60. Unit of work
  - 61. Wreckage on the sea bed
  - 62. Affirmative! (slang)
  - 63. Witness
  - 64. River in England
- CLUES DOWN

  - 1. A dissenting clique
  - 2. Japanese city
  - 3. Spiritual leader
  - 4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
  - 5. Musical term
  - 6. Ruled over
  - 7. Fortified wine
  - 8. First year player
  - 9. Moved in a circular way
  - 10. Adolescents
  - 11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
  - 13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
  - 17. Bring up
  - 24. Factual written account (abbr.)
  - 25. Having three sides
  - 26. Annoy
  - 27. Hustle
  - 28. American WW2 leader
  - 29. Stale atmosphere
  - 35. US Treasury
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  - 37. They \_\_
  - 38. Soviet Socialist Republic
  - 40. Places to play video games
  - 41. Medical event
  - 42. When you hope to arrive
  - 43. Fixed prices
  - 44. Popular Boston song
  - 45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
  - 47. Omit when speaking
  - 48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
  - 49. Stick around
  - 52. From a distance
  - 53. Heroic tale
  - 54. Amounts of time
  - 55. Eat

Answers on page 13

# Apple Tree Identification Project brings on student researchers

VIVIAN COLLINGS  
Editor

U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research and the Apple Tree Identification Project (ATIP) have recently received funding to take on two student researchers to help assess whether apple trees in Haliburton County can be used to help food security and economic growth.

Carmen Galea grew up in Haliburton County and is now studying urban environmental sustainability and geography at Toronto Metropolitan University.

She'll be working alongside professors to "identify tree locations, preparing an inventory and map of apple trees and researching environmental conditions where trees are growing."

Additionally, Wesley Ford will be conducting research for the Apple Tree Economic Cost Benefit Analysis.

"These U-Links community-based research projects aim to assess the potential for establishing a local apple industry in Haliburton County, with a focus on enhancing food security, stimulating economic growth, and promoting sustainable tourism," said a U-Links press release.

Members of ATIP recently met with all four municipalities to introduce the project, and all passed resolutions in support of their outlined four-step program.

"When we started this project, people said to us, 'There are no apples in Haliburton,' and we thought maybe there weren't. We had a plan to find 10 apple locations in Haliburton County, and since then we've found over 120," said Luba Cargill, member of ATIP, during an Algonquin Highlands council meeting. "Apples have a long history in Haliburton County. They have not been prioritized, and they have not been taken care of over the last few years, and we're trying to change that."

Cargill said maps show that Haliburton County is north of the boundary where apples will grow, yet they continue to grow in the area.

"These trees have often been neglected, but they continue to survive and produce apples," Cargill said, and ATIP hopes to utilize this natural resource to benefit the



There is an initiative underway in Haliburton County to assess the potential for establishing a local apple industry. With a focus on sustainable tourism, economic growth, and food security, the project will roll out over the autumn season across the county. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

community.

"The purpose of this study is to increase resident awareness of existing apple trees, highlight the need for care and maintenance of existing trees, renew an existing food resource, increase availability of locally grown and produced products, increase food security, help reduce environmental cost of food transportation from outside the county, provide data for Haliburton GIS maps to add an apple tree layer, provide Haliburton Master Gardeners with information for further research, provide additional products for the Farmers' Markets, and provide increase apple supply for SIRCH's Applesauce Project, and provide additional tourism opportunities for the apple blossom tour in May," she said.

Step one of the program will be tree identification.

Step two will be carrying out the care and maintenance of trees.

Step three will focus on increasing apple supply by planting more trees.

Finally, step four will be to focus on Haliburton County's apple tree industry and how it can be used to support not-for-profit organizations.

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Thumbs up for Hurtin’ in Haliburton

The fifth annual Hurtin in Haliburton Gravel Relay Race was held at Haliburton Forest on Friday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Sept. 16. The eight hour race featured a 27 km loop through gravel roads with the opportunity to race solo or in a team of two. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff





### Notice of Procedural By-Law Amendments

As per Policy No. 24 – Public Notice Policy, notice is hereby being provided that Dysart et al Council, at their regular meeting to be held on September 26, 2023, will be amending the Procedural By-Law to incorporate changes to the Regular Council meeting schedule.

Mallory Bishop, Municipal Clerk  
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# Ctrl-ART-Del Theatre Company runs fall acting courses

Ctrl-ART-Del is offering a three-week-end-long Scene Study course this fall, and is including teens as well as adult performers.

The course is running for three week-ends in Haliburton, ending with a public performance of scenes and the company's 2024 season announcement.

"When we started Ctrl-ART-Del, our original intention was to program for young and working age adults who had aged out of school programs," said Amy Leis, Ctrl-ART-Del's production manager. "Last year I volunteered to help with the Drama Club at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. I met many, very talented kids that are hungry for more theatre than they can get at school alone. They kept asking me if they could get involved with Ctrl-ART-Del. Who am I to say no to that?"

The whole point was always to get young people into the theatre. So, to better serve our community, we've decided to expand our focus. We are welcoming both teens and adults into our programs this year. We're really excited about it."

To help prepare teens to perform in mainstage productions with the company, artistic director Tim Nicholson wanted to start out with some solid basic training. That's why Ctrl-ART-Del is running a three-week-end long scene study course this fall. "What a lot of people don't realize is that acting is a skilled trade," said Nicholson. "Raw talent exists, but there are also technical skills that can and should be taught. Once you have those technical skills in your mental toolbox, you can apply them to any role you take on."

The upcoming Scene Study will break down these techniques, all through

hands-on work. Students will get a taste of working as an ensemble, be cast in a scene from a contemporary play, get individual rehearsal time with a professional director and finish off by performing their scene for an audience at the end of the course.

"The course is ideal both for people who have never been onstage before but want to learn some of these technical skills, and for people who have been onstage in school or community theatre and want an idea of the skills needed to thrive in a post secondary theatre program or a professional rehearsal room," said Nicholson.

"It's open to anyone age 14 and up."

The course runs for two weekends at the Minden Lions Hall: Sept. 23, 24 and Sept. 30, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 14 is a rehearsal day at the Lions Hall, with individual scenes called for an hour each between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. October 15 will be a full cast rehearsal day at the Haliburton Legion from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A public performance of scenes will take place at 4 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. All are welcome to attend the presentation.

Following the Oct. 15 performance, Ctrl-ART-Del will announce their 2024 Season of plays.

"No spoilers – you'll have to come to the Scene Study Performance to be the first to hear what we're up to this year," Leis said. "I will say in advance that all the pieces we're doing have roles for both teens and adults. We're also doing open auditions. Our big focus this season is on getting fresh blood onto the stage. If you've always wanted to be onstage in Haliburton, we want to meet you. The more new people, the better."

You can learn more and register for Scene Study at [www.ctrlartdel.ca/workshops](http://www.ctrlartdel.ca/workshops).

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## Canoe donates to Gifts From The Heart

Canoe FM Station Manager Roxanne Casey, third from right, presented long time SIRCH Community Kitchen volunteer Cathy McIlmurray, far left, with a \$5,000 donation for SIRCH's Gifts From The Heart campaign. The donation was presented at SIRCH's annual Apple Sauce day, with many CK volunteers (pictured) who were on hand to make apple sauce portions. The money was raised from Canoe's radio bingo proceeds and SIRCH was selected based on the great work they do in the community tackling food insecurity. The funds will go towards sustaining the organization's Community Kitchen program, which prepares and distributes 1,400 meals a month, through a network of partner organizations. SIRCH Executive Director Gena Robertson said SIRCH was very grateful to Canoe FM for the donation, as well as to the volunteers and partner organizations who commit their time, and care deeply about ensuring that individuals who are struggling, get the nutritious meals from SIRCH. /Submitted

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## 650 OBITUARIES



### Linda Gail Middleton (nee Moss) (Resident of Harcourt)

A creative and beautiful soul has been lost with the passing of Linda Gail Middleton (nee Moss) of Harcourt, Ontario on September 11, 2023. After an exceptional and lengthy battle with cancer Linda slipped away peacefully from a related illness, with family by her side.

Linda is survived by her husband of 42 years, Donald Middleton; her mother Joyce Moss; her sisters Bev (Peter) Hewitt, and Shelley (Joe) Nadeau; her sister-in-law Nancy Lou (John) St. Pierre, and her brother-in-law Jay Middleton. Linda was an adoring and special aunt to several nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews. She will be missed by many cousins, friends, and business clients. Linda was predeceased by her father Carl Moss, and her father and mother-in-law Louis and Lillian Middleton.

Linda immediately entered the design and print industry after graduating from St. Lawrence College in 1980 with a Creative and Visual Arts Diploma (specialization in graphic design). Since that time, she had worked for printing companies in Smiths Falls, Belleville, and Trenton before launching her own full service graphic design and print company in Haliburton County over 20 years ago—Crystal Image Studio.

Linda's early days in the industry did not involve computers or advanced design software but rather, painstakingly laying Letraset and using the camera to create special effects. She mastered the business from beginning to end, including marketing, sales, design, and running the printing presses. She advanced her skills throughout the years from green screens and early versions of Pagemaker, that took hours to place shadows behind text, to the latest software and technology that helped her continue to serve clients in the Haliburton and Lanark County areas, Toronto, and Ottawa right up until her illness would no longer allow. To this day, Linda's work is recognizable on various signs, business communications, branded apparel, and websites and notably her donation of time and talent to redesign the Cubs logo for the Smiths Falls Girls Hockey Association.

Linda's passion for creativity was reflected in the work she did for clients and for her own self-fulfillment as a painter, photographer, carver, genealogist, and jewelry-maker. For many years Linda was very involved in her local community serving as a committee and board member on the Haliburton County Development Corporation to help advance rural economic development, Dysart Environmental Committee, Haliburton Highlands Arts Council, Marketing Director for the Algonquin Gateway Business Association, and member of the East Central Ontario Art Association. Linda was instrumental in getting the Brushstrokes Painting Group and the Creative Kids Program for youth's ages 4 to 12 started in her community. She also participated in Point in Time as a puppet player and in the Plein Air Festival and Highlands East Art Tour. Perhaps one of her proudest accomplishments was as the self-published author of "Over the Rocks of Bathurst - A Genealogical Portrait of the Echlin Family" (May 1, 2010).

Linda enjoyed sharing experiences with family and friends in everything she did including camping, kayaking, and travelling around the world. She was also an accomplished angler and hunter.

Family and friends were invited to pay their respects at Blair and Son Funeral Home, Smiths Falls (112 Beckwith St. N) on Sunday, September 17, 2023 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. A service to celebrate her life took place in the Chapel on Monday, September 18 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception that followed.

Donations in memory of Linda Middleton can be made to Point In Time, an organization that provides much needed support for children, youth and families in the Haliburton Community, to be used for a special collaborative and artful project in honour of Linda. Linda will be laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery in Perth, Ontario in a private ceremony at a later date.

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*In Loving Memory of*  
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*Passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 2, 2023  
at the age of 88 years at Alexander Place, Waterdown.*

Predeceased by her beloved husband Don Henwood and her grandson Joshua; her parents Joseph and Mary Weber, her sister Susanne Duffy, and her brother James Weber. Lyn leaves behind her two sons Jim (Cathy) and David (Sharon), five grandchildren, Scott (Brittany), Steven (Shannon), Alison (Anthony), Jennifer (Ronan), and Christopher (Jenny); as well as her great-grandsons Sawyer and Miles and step great-grandchildren Ayden and Ellie who will all miss her dearly. She is also fondly remembered by her sister-in-law Dorothy Thayer and her many nieces and nephews.

Lyn was a loving grandmother and mother, but there was no love greater than the one she shared with her husband of close to four decades, who has been waiting for her for over 30 years. Her family takes comfort in knowing that Don and Lyn are together once more, and she is catching him up on everything he has missed.

Friends visited with the family at Kitching, Steppe & Ludwig Funeral Home, 146 Mill St. N., Waterdown on Thursday, September 7, 2023 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Graveside Service took place at Woodland Cemetery (Section 17), 700 Spring Garden Rd., Burlington on Friday, September 8.

The family wish to thank Nurse Nancy and the rest of the staff at Home Area #1 of Alexander Place in Waterdown. Donations to the Flamborough Food Bank would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.



*In Loving Memory of*  
**MARSON, Melda**

*Melda (Morgan) Marson passed away peacefully at Soldiers’  
Memorial Hospital, Orillia, on September 12, 2023.*

Melda was born on February 14, 1925, in Llanelli, Wales, U.K. She was predeceased by Graham (2018), her devoted husband of 72 years, and by their loving son Christopher (2002).

Mum will be deeply missed by daughters Siân Minich (Ed) of Oakville, Fiona King (Bernie) of Corbyville, and Melanie Blodgett (David) of Haliburton, and daughter-in-law Betty Marson of Fergus.

Nana was cherished by her grandchildren Peter Marson, David Marson (Brooke), Steve Marson (Jey), Mike Marson (Amanda), Andy Minich (Pearl), Matthew Minich (Aileen), Lesley Dagenais (Marcus), Evan King (Gina), Kaitlyn Greaves (Brian), and Gordon Blodgett (Shanna). “SuperNana” was also adored by 19 great-grandchildren.

Prior to their move to Orillia, Melda and Graham lived in Ancaster for many years. Mum enjoyed an active life of golf, bridge (her last game was a mere three weeks ago!), volunteering, Snow Bunnies, and gardening. She especially loved her times at their cottage in Haliburton, “Nefoedd” (Welsh for “Heaven”).

Mum wanted to express a special thank you to the wonderful staff at Leacock Retirement Lodge, where she resided for the last four years.

Friends are welcome to join us for Mum’s service at St. James’ Anglican Church, 58 Peter St., N., Orillia, on Friday, September 22 at 11 a.m. Messages of condolence are welcomed at [www.mundellfuneralhome.com](http://www.mundellfuneralhome.com)



**Scott Andrew Mitchell**

Sadly, the family of Scott Andrew Mitchell lost their son/brother on Sunday, August 27, 2023. Scott was enjoying a swim after a hot day near his house in Lac la Biche, Alberta when he succumbed to a medical emergency. Scott had spoken with Doug and Ruth, and Duff in separate calls earlier that very day. Scott was born in a Cornwall, Ontario hospital and adopted at birth by Doug and Ruth Mitchell. Scott was born on October 23, 1965. Doug and Ruth raised Scott with their three other sons and daughter, originally in Chesterville, Ontario, and then in Haliburton, where Scott spent most of his youth. Scott was a fun-loving son. He loved to play sports, especially hockey, where he was an excellent defenceman. Scott was known to be a prankster and loved a good laugh. Scott moved to Alberta two decades ago, where he worked for different trucking companies. He enjoyed time on his boat and driving his corvette. Many of Scott’s friends in Lac la Biche have called to discuss their friendship with Scott. It has been heartwarming to hear these stories. Scott last visited Haliburton four years ago and spoke regularly about how much he enjoyed visiting with friends. He had great memories of living in Haliburton. Scott was able to find his birth mother and family in Akwesasne recently. Scott, a status Indian, had only started to understand his heritage at the time of his passing. Scott is survived by his loving parents, Doug and Ruth Mitchell, brothers Duff, his daughter Ruby and spouse Vesna, Kelly and wife Shirley, Drew and wife Lee Ann and sister Krista, husband George and daughters Emma and Georgia.

**Visitation & Celebration of Life**

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** at 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday, September 29, 2023, at 2 o’clock for a Celebration of Life Service in the Chapel. (Visitation two hours prior). We ask that in lieu of flowers, if you are so inclined, please make a donation to your local food bank. Scott would have liked that very much.

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**Horace Houghton**  
(Resident of Haliburton)

Late Thursday evening, after a short battle with cancer, Horace Houghton (Grandad Ho) passed away peacefully at home with his son by his side in his 97th year. Grandad Ho was the jokester, trickster, songsmith, wordsmith, and woodsmith. Predeceased by his wife Edith, 6 of his brothers and sisters, and his daughter-in-law Shelley. He will be missed by his son Phil, younger sister Brenda, granddaughters Jeska, Bethany, Laura, his 8 great grandchildren, and by the many vintage tools in his workshop.

Horace grew up in Liverpool England, the youngest boy in a family of 8 children. He spent his younger years playing around Liverpool and getting into trouble with his brothers. He joined the Royal Navy at 18 and served on a minesweeper in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. He was a proud veteran of WWII. He married the love of his life, Edith Gayner in 1949 at the age of 22. He worked in cabinetry for many years, both in Liverpool and in Toronto where he and his family moved in the 60’s. He relocated to Haliburton in the last 5 years of his life, helping his son and daughter-in-law build a home by cabineting their whole house. He could put any fussy baby to sleep with his singing and had a song for every occasion. He loved to joke with his great grandchildren about his knee replacement surgery being ‘bayonet wounds from the war!’ This and other tricks would, of course, be believed because of his “honest face”. Grandad Ho, we will miss cheating at cards with you. Thanks for the many cups of tea and the laughs.

**Private Family Arrangements**

Grandad Ho has asked for no formal funeral service. Instead, have a proper cup of tea in a nice teacup and saucer, sing a song, and eat a gingersnap. Private family arrangements have been entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.

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## HHSS remains open: more talks scheduled

High school teachers and the school board remain cautiously optimistic about the ongoing negotiations and have scheduled three more meetings for the end of the month.

Members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation district 15 announced last week that they would participate in the rotating strike action, giving parents 24 hours notice of any schools that may be closed. The teachers' union has been in a legal strike position since mid August. As well, teachers have declined to supervise all extracurricular activities, leaving the more than 300 students who usually participate in after school

sports and clubs with no supervisors to help organize the activities.

Although negotiations have been dragging through the month of September, President of the OSSTF Haliburton teachers, Laura Willis, remains open to exchange. "We have scheduled three more meetings, and that's really positive," said Willis.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board Chair Cheryl Murdoch concurs. "We are slowly working away at it," said Murdoch. "But we are still positive about things." Negotiations will continue in Haliburton from September 30 through October 2.

## Hundreds run for Terry

Over 141 individuals helped raise \$5,290 for cancer research at the Minden Terry Fox Run Sunday morning. The day started out cool and cloudy, ideal weather for those who planned to run the 7 km course, and not unpleasant for those who took it a little easier and the 46 volunteers. The amount raised surpassed last year's \$4,900.

The participants started from the Minden Community Centre and travelled down Deep Bay Road as far as Mistivale Trail where they turned around and retraced their steps to the arena.

Back at the finish line, the participants enjoyed refreshments and a number of prizes were handed out. Organizer Jerry Grozelle said he was very pleased with the results and appreciative of the efforts of the participants and their sponsors. A similar event was held in Haliburton Village Sunday morning.

The Minden event was one of many held across the country and around the world. Organizers at the high school held their event on Friday with almost 180 participants who raised an estimated \$5,100.

Bruce Griffith, head of the HHSS students and staff head out on the Terry Fox Run Friday morning.

HHSS Special Education Department, organized the event, with the help of about 10 staff members and 15 students. Griffith said he was pleased with the results of the event.

"It was another good one," Griffith said. "For a small school, in a small community, it was great."

The event started at 10:45 a.m. Friday, with the course winding its way around Head Lake. Runners, walkers, bikers, skateboarders and in-line skaters made their way through Glebe Park, around the north end of the lake, through Head Lake Park, where a refreshment stop was set up, and back to the school.

Griffith expressed his appreciation to the participants, organizers and helpers and especially to those who pledged money for the run. He said HHSS principal Gary Brohman is a "huge supporter" of the run.



**A KID'S BEST FRIEND:** Two year-old Bethany Little welcomed Clifford the Big Red Dog to Minden this weekend for the CHACE Day Care Centre Open House. Clifford was on hand on Saturday as parents toured the facility and children tested used books, clothing and toys.

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